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             FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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     EUGENE WESTMORELAND,
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     individually and for a class,
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                   Plaintiff,
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                                           No. 1:23-cv-01851
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         v.
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     THOMAS DART, SHERIFF OF COOK
     COUNTY, and COOK COUNTY,
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     ILLINOIS,
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                   Defendants.
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          The deposition of EFFERSON YARNELL WILLIAMS,
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      taken on behalf of the defendants in the above-
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      entitled case before Debra L. Kleszyk, a Certified
      Shorthand Reporter within and for the State of
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      Illinois, taken remotely via videoconference on
      April 25, 2024, commencing at 11:16 a.m., pursuant
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      to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
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      witness was located at Cook County Correctional
      Center, 2700 South California Avenue, Chicago,
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      Illinois.
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3	THOMAS G. MORRISSEY LTD.			3	Shorthand Reporter.	
4	BY: MR. PATRICK W. MORRISSEY 10257 South Western Avenue				4 The parties participating in this	
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5	(773) 233-7900			6	present in the room with the witness and that I	
6	pwm@morrisseylawchicago.com			7	will be reporting this deposition remotely. At	
	Appeared via videoconference on behalf	C 1 1 10 C		this time I ask counsel to identify yourself and		
7	the plaintiff			9	then indicate your stipulation to waive any	
8 9				10	objections to the validity of the oath adminis-	
	DeVORE RADUNSKY, LLC			11	tered remotely, starting with the noticing	
10	BY: MR. ZACHARY STILLMAN			12	attorney.	
11	230 West Monroe Street, Suite 230 Chicago, Illinois 60606			13	MR. STILLMAN: Zachary Stillman with	
**	(312) 300-4479			14	DeVore Radunsky for defendants, Sheriff and	
1	zstillman@devoreradunsky.com			15	County. And we waive any objections.	
13	Appeared via videoconference on behalf the defendants	10		16	MR. MORRISSEY: And my name is	
14				17	Pat Morrissey. I represent Mr. Westmoreland, and	
15				18	I also represent Mr. Williams in this deposition.	
16 17				19	I stipulate.	
18				20	(The witness was duly	
19				21	sworn.)	
20 21				22	EFFERSON YARNELL WILLIAMS,	
22				23	called as a witness herein, having been	
23				24	first duly sworn, was examined and	
24 25				25	testified as follows:	
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Page 6 Page 8 1 should be verbal. And then if you can kind of try A. Yes. I had -- I had -- I made sure 1 2 to refrain from gesturing as much as you can 2 that I came when I came. I did -- when I talked 3 because that won't be clear in the record. to my lawyer, we just went -- and we just --4 4 MR. MORRISSEY: Sorry, Mr. Williams, Third, if you don't understand any you can say what you looked at but don't say what 5 of my questions, please absolutely let me know and 6 I can try to rephrase them so you do understand we've spoken about. All right? So you can keep 7 it. If do you answer, I'm going to assume that 7 going --8 8 you understood the question. THE WITNESS: I just looked at my grievance. Yes. I looked at my grievance and A. Yes. 10 Q. And if there's anything you don't 10 just went over my grievance. That's what I did. 11 BY MR. STILLMAN: 11 recall, don't try to guess, just say that you 12 Q. Just -- and all you looked at was your 12 don't recall. 13 grievance? Anything else? 13 And like Pat said before, if you 14 need a break, just let me know. We can figure it 14 A. No. 15 out. 15 Q. And was there only one grievance you 16 16 looked at? A. Yeah. Q. All right. So do you have any other 17 17 A. No. I have -- I have multiple 18 -- do you go by any other names? 18 grievances. A. No. Q. Did you look at all of them in 19 19 20 Q. Well, I mean, Efferson Williams is 20 preparation for this? 21 your government name. Does anyone else call you 21 A. I suppose so. I think so. I suppose. 22 anything else behind bars? 22 And about when did that meeting with A. No. You said like anywhere else, like 23 your attorneys happen? 23 24 24 in the jail? A. I don't know an exact date. To my 25 Q. Yeah. Like, in the jail they call you 25 recall, it was probably like three to four days Page 7 Page 9 1 anything else. 1 ago. 2 A. They just call me like A-1 or 2 Q. Would you say it was longer or shorter 3 something like that, or Alfie. Alfie, A-l-f-i-e. 3 than half an hour? Q. And what is your date of birth? 4 A. Probably like -- probably like a half 4 5 A. April 10, 1981. 5 an hour. Q. And are you married? Q. And Pat here is your attorney. Is 6 6 7 7 that correct? A. No. MR. STILLMAN: And then off the record 8 8 A. Yes. 9 for a minute. 9 Q. Have you ever personally reviewed any 10 (A discussion was held off 10 ADA standards or Cook County jail policies and procedures regarding inmate transport for the 11 the record.) 12 MR. STILLMAN: All right. And back on 12 jail? 13 the record. 13 A. You said have I ever proceeded any 14 BY MR. STILLMAN: 14 other --15 Q. What did you do to prepare for your 15 Q. Sorry. Have you ever -- I'll re-ask 16 deposition today? 16 it. 17 A. What did I do to prepare for it? 17 Have you ever personally reviewed 18 Q. Yes. 18 anything, any kind of policies or procedures from 19 A. And can you break down the word 19 the jail that dictate movement of inmates? 20 20 "deposition" for me, please? Α. Movement? So have I --21 21 Q. Yes. Q. So right now this is your depo -- This 22 is a deposition right now you're in where I'm 22 -- ever -- did I dictate? Like, I'm 23 asking you questions. So what did you do today to 23 trying to figure out what does that mean. 24 prepare? Did you look at anything? Did you talk 24 Q. So you know when you're -- like 25 to anyone? 25 transportation of inmates, you know, when you're

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1	being moved, say you have an appointment at Cermak	1	MR. MORRISSEY: And, Mr. Williams, I
2	and there's an officer with you and they're	2	just want to remind you, things we've talked about
3	escorting you	3	are privileged. So just answer his questions
4	A. Yes. Yes. An officer do escort me,	4	without divulging any privileged communication you
5	yes.	5	and I may have had. Okay?
6	Q. Have you ever reviewed any of the	6	THE WITNESS: Yes.
7	actual written policies and procedures from the	7	BY MR. STILLMAN:
8	jail regarding, you know	8	Q. And you're housed in the RTU.
9	A. Is it is it written anywhere?	9	Correct?
10	Q. There are written policies, yes.	10	A. Yes.
11	A. But it's not written where you can see	11	Q. And in the last ten years have you
12	them, though.	12	been convicted of any crimes?
	_	13	A. No.
13	Q. But so I'm asking you. Have you ever	14	
14	personally reviewed any?		Q. When were you first processed at the Cook County jail right now under your current
15	A. Have I ever seen any physically like	15	booking number?
16	, , , , ,	16	6
17	Q. I'm just asking if you've ever	17	A. When I first processed?
18	personally reviewed any of these any of these	18	Q. Under this booking number, yes.
19	types of policies and procedures.	19	A. Under this number? 2021. They say
20	A. No. Only only only when I put	20	October, but it was September.
21	in the grievance, they	21	Q. So you're you've been there about
22	Q. Okay. And do you know Detainee	22	going on three years-ish, a little under three
23	Eugene Westmoreland?	23	years now?
24	A. You said do I know who?	24	A. Yes.
25	Q. Eugene Westmoreland.	25	Q. Okay. And you've been housed in the
1	Page 11 A. Do I know him?	1	Page 13
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$\frac{2}{3}$	Q. Yeah. Are you familiar with him?A. No.	2	A. Yes.
		3	Q. Have you gone to Cermak for any
4	Q. Have you heard of the name?A. I think I I don't know. I never	4	appointments or medical needs?
5	heard the name.	5	A. Yes.
6		6	Q. About how often would you say you've
7	Q. Did you receive any documentation in		gone to Cermak?
8	relation to this deposition, like the subpoena	8	A. I went more than you said how
9	that was, like, notice that you were going to be	9	often? Every time I have a say I have to go to
10	coming to this deposition today?	10	a clinic appointment or either I got to go to ER.
11	A. My lawyer my lawyer told me that we	١	So it's like sometimes it be probably three
12	was going to have court today.	12	times a month or twice a month.
13	Q. And are you aware of any of the	13	Q. When you when you've been taken to
14	details of the case that you are being deposed in		· · · · · ·
15	right now?	15	A. They have an officer who transport.
16	A. As far as the ramp? Is that what	16	Q. And they would transport you through
17	you're saying?	17	the basement of the RTU. Right?
18	Q. It is about the ramp, yeah. Do you	18	A. They take me up the RTU ramp and down
19	know any of the individual details of Mr of	19	up the up the Cermak ramp and down the
20	the case or whose case this is or any of the	20	
21	allegations made?	21	
22	A. No. I don't know who who case this	22	Q. But to get to those ramps you would
23	is. I just know that I had got not a subpoena for		you would be going through the tunnels and
24	court but a letter explaining the situation of the	24	corridors in the basement of Division 8, the RTU.
25	ramp. But I never got a subpoena for court.	25	Correct?

Page 14 Page 16 1 A. Yeah. I go to -- through the -- I 1 cuffed. Right? 2 think it's not so much sort of a basement. I 2 Q. Yeah. When they get to push chairs, 3 think it's like the second floor or something. 3 they -- they tend to get the cuffs off. Right? 4 That's kind of my --4 But it led to the basement, I guess. I don't 5 5 know. A. Yes. 6 Q. And would you take the elevators 6 -- understanding of that. O. 7 there? 7 A. Yes. 8 A. To RTU? 8 Q. And the officers that have pushed you, O. Down -- down into the tunnel area or was that on your request? 10 are you already --10 A. No. It became from the ADA request, A. Yeah. To the tunnel, yes, I take it 11 not mine. 'cuz I'm on the third floor, yes. 12 Q. What do you mean by it became an ADA Q. And you are in a wheelchair. Correct? 13 13 request? 14 A. Yes. 14 A. They had got notified to make sure 15 Q. What -- can you explain a little bit 15 that they -- by the ADA, what's her name, I forgot 16 about your medical history, how you -- how you're what the name, but the title of the name. But, 17 in a wheelchair? 17 yes, that's how. But prior to that they never pushed me. A. I'm in a wheelchair because I've got 19 -- I got shot. 19 Q. And have you ever asked any officer to 20 Q. And when did you get shot? 20 push you and been denied? 21 A. 2017. 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. And where -- where were you shot at? 22 Q. And what would you do in an instance 23 What is the specific injury you have that --23 where you were denied for officers that know you? 24 A. I got shot not directly into the 24 A. I wrote a grievance about it. 25 spine. It enlarged -- excuse me -- it enlarged 25 You wrote -- sorry, what was that Page 15 Page 17 1 to -- it enlarged to my spine which made me a T-5. 1 about it? 2 Q. And when you are moving around the 2 A. I wrote a -- a grievance about it. 3 jail, how do you tend to propel your chair? 3 Q. Oh, okay. And would that -- would A. I push it myself. 4 that have been all you would have done or would 5 Q. Do you always push it yourself? 5 you have -- I mean, were you asking officers a lot to -- for assistance while being transported? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. Do you ever have anyone else assist 7 A. They -- I mean, they -- with ADA, you pushing the chair? 8 what's her name, they supposed to assist me. So I A. Not -- not frequently. But minor would -- I would felt that they would have known 10 times like. Since I been here at Cook County, 10 to do it. Protocols, ADA protocols. 11 probably like ten. 11 Q. Okay. And are you aware of any 12 Q. And who would those -- who would the 12 policies, procedures, or rules at the jail that 13 other people assisting have been on those ten 13 dictate that someone else should be pushing you 14 times? 14 when transporting from one location to another, 15 A. Sometimes an inmate and sometimes an 15 whether that's an inmate or an officer or any 16 officer. 16 other party pushing you? 17 Q. Would you ask other inmates to push 17 A. No. 18 your chair? 18 Q. Are you aware of any policies, 19 A. No. They offer. 19 procedures, or rules at the jail that would 20 Q. Why would they offer? prevent another detainee from pushing you? 21 A. Just because I guess sometimes they'll 21 A. You're saying am I aware of that it 22 be wanting to get not put in handcuffs. 22 supposed to be only an inmate -- I mean, a 23 Q. And they're not cuffed when they --23 correctional officer to push me or inmate? Is 24 when they get to push usually. Isn't that right? 24 that --

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Q. Yeah. Let me reword it.

A. No -- yes, sir. You said they're not

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Page 18 Page 20 1 Are you aware of any policies, 1 today that you were down there? procedures, or rules at the jail that say that an A. Just 2/22 -- I mean 4/22 and 4/23. inmate, another detainee, cannot push you? 3 3 Q. And do you recall any ramps under the A. No, I've never seen it. 4 4 RTU specifically that you have -- that you were 5 Q. What about the same for an officer 5 traversing? 6 cannot push you? A. You said do I recall any other ramps? 6 7 A. Once -- once I filed a grievance, I 7 Q. Well, any specific ramps under the RTU was acknowledged. 8 that you've had difficulties with? 9 Q. But are you aware of any policies that A. There's only -- there's only two ramps 10 would forbid an officer or mandate that an 10 that I've noticed. But it's -- and that's going 11 officer, either/or? 11 from -- from RTU to Cermak and Cermak to West --A. No, there's not. There's not. Yes, 12 12 -- oh, the ramps in the court -- going to the 13 it's in the manual I think. It's in the CCDOC 13 court building. 14 manual. 14 Q. And so there's the court building --O. Which? Which CCDOC manual? 15 15 like you said, the court building ramp and the A. They have a booklet that they give 16 16 Cermak ramp. Have you had trouble with both of 17 17 those? out. 18 Q. Yes. But are you saying there's a 18 A. Yes. policy or procedure that you know of in there? 19 19 Q. Any other ramps that you can think of 20 A. I can't recall where it's at. 20 that you've had difficulties with? 21 Actually, no, it's not even in there I think. 21 A. Going into -- it's a ramp going up and 22 It's not even in there. I can't remember it 22 down in Stroger's once we get down into --23 right. I can't vividly remember where it's at. 23 Q. Okay. So I'm just going to stop you 24 But I know I was told that I'm supposed to get 24 there. So we don't need to go into Stroger. 25 assistance going through the jail either going to MR. MORRISSEY: Hold up. Hold up. Page 21 Page 19 1 court, up a ramp, down a ramp, yeah. 1 Mr. Stillman, you can't cut him off when he's 2 Q. And who -- do you have any idea who 2 answering. So I think you should --3 would have informed you of that? 3 MR. STILLMAN: Okay. 4 4 A. Sabrina. MR. MORRISSEY: Can you finish, 5 O. So as we kind of discussed a little 5 Mr. Williams? 6 bit here, you're familiar with the ramps, THE WITNESS: Yes. Up and down 6 corridors, and hallways in the RTU. Correct? Stroger's ramp through the -- through the back. 8 A. You're saying --8 It's a -- it's a ramp that's there, a steep ramp, 9 Q. The area where you've -- where you've going and coming from Stroger's. 10 been transported, you know, like to Cermak and 10 BY MR. STILLMAN: 11 such from -- from the RTU, you're familiar with 11 Q. Okay. And do you recall there being 12 that area of corridors, ramps, and hallways? 12 handrails on either of the -- well, let's focus on A. Am I familiar with the court orders? 13 the Cermak ramp, I guess. Do you recall there 13 14 Q. Are you familiar with the areas under 14 being handrails on the Cermak ramp? 15 Division 8 that you've been transported through to 15 A. Yes. But not close enough for us to 16 Cermak? 16 use. 17 A. Yes. 17 Q. And when you say "close enough for us Q. So you recognize the ramps, corridors, 18 18 to use," how do you mean? 19 and hallways that --19 A. Not at arm reach, and both arm reach. 20 A. Yes. 20 So it's probably one you can use on one hand and 21 Q. -- would be down there more or less? 21 the other one is not in arm reach to use. So if A. Yes. I been going through them for 22 I'm using my right hand, my left hand can't touch 23 almost three years. So now, yeah. But not at 23 the other arm rail -- the handrail.

Q. Okay. And have you ever -- have you 25 ever complained to anyone about that issue, about

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Q. And when was the last time just from

24 first, though.

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Page 22 Page 24 1 the handrail issue? Mr. Williams. You can respond. 2 A. Yes. 2 THE WITNESS: I don't have to respond 3 3 Q. And that would have been in your you said? 4 BY MR. STILLMAN: 4 grievance? 5 5 Q. No. Do you want me to -- I'm going to A. Yes. Q. Have you ever made any other complaints 6 reword the question anyways. It was kind of 6 7 about that? confusing. But you do have to respond. 8 So when you -- have you ever not 8 A. Verbally. Q. And when would the result of a verbal 9 made it across the ramp, the Cermak ramp? 10 complaint on the spot have been? 10 A. Have I ever not made it? A. What can they do about it? Q. I mean, have you ever, you know, found 11 12 Q. And would that verbal complaint have 12 yourself struggling partway and --13 been about the handrail specifically? 13 A. Always. 14 Q. -- and just not ultimately made the 14 A. Yes. 15 O. Or would that -- or would it have been 15 rest of the journey? A. I always struggle. But they -- they 16 about having difficulties getting up or down the 16 just like some refuse to help 'til I say, "Can you 17 ramp? 17 push me?" 18 18 A. Both. 19 19 Q. But you've never -- you've never Q. And when you communicated that you 20 were having explicit difficulties, you know, 20 struggled and then ultimately turned around and 21 making it the full way across the ramp, have they 21 been returned to your cell as opposed to getting 22 -- has any officer ever assisted? 22 help. Right? 23 A. No. 'Cuz they eventually will push me 23 A. They just started. I been going up 24 out there if they see I'm struggling. 24 and down the ramps prior to this for two -- like 25 two, two years and like a couple months by myself 25 Q. So you've never, I mean, gotten --Page 23 Page 25 1 without any -- any assistance. 1 you've never been kept from getting to where you 2 Q. And you said they just started. So 2 need to go or going to your appointments as a 3 when would they have just started doing that? 3 result of this ramp? A. When I put in the grievance, which A. I never detoured, if what you're 5 would be -- they started like late, late -- late 5 saying. Is that what you're saying, like I never 6 December, late December or the beginning -- yeah, detoured -- had to go back to my cell? 7 like late December of '23. 7 Q. I mean, yeah, they never -- they never 8 Q. Okay. And have you -- do you recall 8 just called off any effort to get you somewhere 9 any other issues with that ramp other than, you 9 because you were struggling with the ramp? It 10 know, the steepness or the handrails? 10 wasn't like you canceled your medical appointment A. Yeah. How the door is. The -- even 11 because you had issues or something? 12 if I go down the ramp and I just so happen to go 12 A. Yes, I've canceled medical appoint-13 down the ramp, the door is right there where I can 13 ments before. 14 hit it. 14 Q. Well, have you -- have you ever been 15 15 mid-transport to a medical appointment, had Q. And any other issues you know of? A. No, not so much. 16 difficulties, and had a transfer -- or had the 17 Q. And so when you've used those -- when appointment canceled as opposed to receiving 17 18 you have used -- strike that. 18 assistance --19 When you have traversed the Cermak 19 A. No. 20 ramp, have you had any difficulties any time? 20 Q. -- on the ramp? No? 21 21 Have you not made it all the way if you've had Not to my recall, no. 22 troubles or have you ultimately gotten assistance 22 Q. So you -- as far as you can remember, 23 at any of these times that you truly struggled? 23 you've never been kept back from receiving any

services or going anywhere or getting the same

25 kind of treatment as another detainee because of

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MR. MORRISSEY: Objection to form.

I just made an objection,

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Page 26 Page 28 1 this ramp. Right? 1 the 23rd. 2 A. No. What? Because we take -- okay. Q. And on that occasion did you have 3 When we going to transportation, we take a 3 difficulties? different -- we take -- we don't take the Cermak A. Yes. I had to have someone -- after I 5 and the RTU ramp. 5 got up so much, like in the middle part of the 6 Q. So, I mean, if they've taken you 6 ramp, the steepness of the ramp, so I think they another way, you've still made it to your 7 had to, like, so much -- he seen me started destination. Right? 8 struggling, so he got behind me and pushed me. 9 A. Yes. Q. Have you ever been injured in any 10 Q. So just yes-or-no question, can you 10 capacity while going --11 say that you recall ever being treated in a way A. Yes. 11 12 that you had less access to any of these treat-12 Q. -- up or down the ramp? 13 ments or appointments because of this ramp? 13 MR. MORRISSEY: Objection. 14 A. What ramp? The RTU or the Cermak? 14 THE WITNESS: Yes. 15 Q. The Cermak ramp that we have been 15 MR. MORRISSEY: Objection. 16 talking about. 16 You can respond. 17 A. But there's two ramps. There's a 17 MR. STILLMAN: Sorry, Pat, what was --18 Cermak ramp and a RTU ramp. what was your objection? 18 Q. So you're --19 19 MR. MORRISSEY: Object to the form of 20 A. They're not the same. There's two 20 the question. 21 different ramps. 21 MR. STILLMAN: Okay. Q. We're going to -- I'm going to put up 22 22 MR. MORRISSEY: You can respond. 23 a photo that we're going to call -- actually, one 23 THE WITNESS: Yes. second here. Let's clear this up a little bit. 24 BY MR. STILLMAN: 25 I'm going to bring up a photo that we're going to 25 Q. And what kind of injuries have you Page 27 Page 29 1 call Exhibit 1. 1 experienced? 2 A. I had burns on my -- on both of my 2 (Williams Deposition 3 Exhibit 1 was marked.) 3 hands, the arms. 4 Q. How would -- how would those injuries 4 BY MR. STILLMAN: 5 Q. And do you recognize this ramp, this 5 have occurred? 6 A. From trying to stop -- stop my chair 6 area? 7 with my hands, no gloves. A. Yes. That's the -- I think this the 8 RTU ramp. 8 Q. And what part of the chair would you have put your hands on to stop it? Q. And are these handrails the ones that 9 10 you have been saying are not within arm's reach? 10 A. The wheel. Q. So the burn -- the burns would have 11 12 Q. And this is a different ramp from the 12 been from rubbing against the wheels? 13 A. Yes. 13 RTU -- from the Cermak ramp you're saying? 14 A. Yes. That's -- that's just the one Q. Have you ever sought any kind of 14 15 ramp. That's just the one that you go up to go 15 medical treatment for any kind of injury like 16 to --16 that? 17 Q. This is -- sorry. Go ahead. 17 A. I explained to them. They didn't -they did nothing. So no. 18 A. This is the one you go up to go to 18 Q. No, you haven't gotten treated? 19 Cermak. 19 A. I went there. But they didn't report 20 20 Q. And you've traversed this ramp before 21 in your chair? 21 it. Like, they didn't -- they looked at my hands, 22 but they didn't report it or document it. 22 A. Traversed? What -- what you mean --Q. You've gone -- you've gone down this 23 Q. And when would that have been? 24 ramp or up this ramp in your wheelchair before? 24 A. That was -- it's been a lot of times. Yes. I just did it on the 22nd and 25 I can't just say directly dates. But one of the 25

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1	dates was December 7, 6 or 7.	1 Cermak. Is that right?
2	Q. So there have been a lot of times that	2 A. Yes.
3	they have they have looked at you and not found	3 Q. And that you experience hardship
4	anything wrong you're saying?	4 moving up and down that ramp. And on one occasion
5	A. Yes. And they not have documented it.	5 you recall almost falling out of your wheelchair
6	It's not been documented by my hands about my	6 while navigating that ramp. Is that right?
7	hands.	7 A. Yes.
8	Q. But they have looked at them and	8 Q. And you also experienced burning hands
9	A. Yes. Even the ADA coordinator looked	9 on your burning on your hands when traversing
10	at it.	10 the ramp. Correct?
11	Q. Have any jail staff ever told you that	11 A. Yes.
12	another inmate could not push your chair?	12 Q. And then you say it's very rare for
13	A. No.	13 staff to assist you in traversing the ramp?
14	They saying this about to restart.	14 A. Yes.
15	Q. Pardon?	15 Q. And then you signed that on
16	A. On this computer, they saying it's	16 November 28, right
17	about to be restarted. The software sent it to	17 A. Yes.
18	me.	18 Q 2023?
19	MR. STILLMAN: Oh, here, let's go off	19 And you said didn't you say
20	the record for a second.	20 that shortly after that was when they started
21	(A discussion was held off	21 assisting, in late December? Right?
22	the record.)	22 A. December after I mean, it was
23	BY MR. STILLMAN:	23 after did I put my grievance in. If I wouldn't
24	Q. All right. So you do you remember	24 have never grieved it, they would have never
25	signing a declaration about the ramp in this case?	25 assisted.
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1	A. Can you explain to me like declara-	1 Q. Okay. And just shortly after that,
2	tion?	2 like late November '23, that would have been
3	Q. Do you remember do you remember	3 December 2023 when they around when they might
4	signing any kind of document with statements from	4 have started helping. Right?
5	you about the RTU/Cermak ramps?	5 A. Yeah. Probably like a month or so
6	A. Yes.	6 later or something like that.
7	Q. And that would be I'm just calling	7 I mean, just just, what's today,
8	this Exhibit 2.	
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2	(A break was taken from 11:55 a.m. until	$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	were just talking about before? Or you said you had another one you filed in April?
3	12:06 p.m.)	3	A. Yeah. I have the one that I just did
4	BY MR. STILLMAN:	4	on the $-4/22$.
5	Q. All right. So we'll call this next	5	Q. Okay.
6	exhibit Exhibit 3.	6	A. 4/22/24.
7	(Williams Deposition	7	Q. That was the subject of that was
8	Exhibit 3 was marked.)	8	more or less the same of the same ramp, the same
9	BY MR. STILLMAN:	9	types of issues?
10	Q. And do you recognize this grievance?	10	A. I'm sorry, one was 4/22/23 which is
11	A. Yes.	11	the court building situation. But this one 4/22
12	Q. Is this your handwriting on it?	12	4/23/24 was when I just up the ramp and Officer
13	A. Yes.	13	Thompson refused to help. He didn't want to help
14	Q. Would this have been do you	14	me.
15	recognize this to have been one of your grievances	15	Q. So you asked that day officers for
16	about the ramps?	16	assistance, though?
17	A. Yes.	17	A. Yes.
18	Q. And in this grievance you're filing it	18	Q. And you did get assistance going up?
19	against Correctional Officers Cato and Remszik.	19	A. At midway. At midway up the ramp.
20	A. Remszik, yes. It's Remszik.	20	Q. But then going down you didn't and
21	Q. Okay. And just essentially you're	21	then you lost control?
22	complaining here that the upward and downward	22	A. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I thought
23	ramps require a guard's assistance and you	23	you was talking about the 4/23
24	received help going up or, yes, received help	24	Q. Oh, no, no, no. We're back to
25	going up the ramp but on descending you did not.	25	we're back to this current one on screen. Sorry
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1	Page 38 policy. Detainee was pushed up the ramp but not	1	Page 40 Q. You okay. So why do you think they
2	down the ramp. However, at the [sic] time he does	2	might have put in the response that after
3	lose control of the wheelchair or nearly ran	3	reviewing the evidence and speaking with people
	into yes. [As read.]	4	involved that you didn't you didn't say
5	Q. So you remember receiving this	5	anything?
6	response	6	MR. MORRISSEY: Objection.
7	A. Yes.	7	Foundation.
8	Q correct?	8	You can respond.
9	A. Yes.	9	THE WITNESS: I have no idea why they
10	Q. And right here, just tell me if I'm	10	said that. But I guess it was probably to cover
11	reading this correctly: However, at no time does	11	up.
12	he lose control of the wheelchair or nearly run	12	BY MR. STILLMAN:
13	into the wall.	13	Q. To cover up?
14	Is that right?	14	A. The situation of me showing them that
15	A. They said at no time?	15	I do have burns on my hands and
16	Q. It says: However, at no time does he	16	Q. Okay.
17	lose control of the wheelchair.	17	A. Yes.
18	Is that is that right?	18	Q. And you then so they got they
19	A. Yes, it says that.	19	got your that response to you on 12/22/23
20	Q. And it says: Available video shows	20	A. Yes.
21	Detainee Williams gliding with ease through the	21	Q which you then received on
22	tunnels to and from Cermak. At no time did	22	January 5, 2024. Correct?
23	Detainee Williams tell the officer that he was	23	A. Yes.
24	having difficulty wheeling himself.	24	Q. And can you read your appeal for me?
25	Is that what it says?	25	A. I did I did I did do
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$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	A. Yes.Q. And it says: Detainee Williams did	$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	I do have burns on my hands. [As read.] I was just letting them know that I
3	Q. And it says: Detainee Williams did not report any burns to his hands from the	3	did do a lot of stuff on the video and that I let
4	wheelchair, nor were there any wounds or healed	4	the staff know that I had burns on my hands.
5	wounds to his hands during my discussion with him	5	Q. So that's just you insisting that you
6	on 12/21/23.	6	were telling the truth, that you did complain to
7	Is that right?	l	the staff and you did have difficulties. Correct?
8	A. Yes.	8	A. Yes.
9	Q. And then it also finally says that you	9	Q. Okay. And they ultimately said the
10	did not request medical attention for any alleged	10	original response was to stand. Right?
11	wounds verbally or via written health service	11	A. Yes.
12	request. Yeah?	12	Q. And did you receive that on January 16,
13	A. Yes. On 12/23, yes, it says that.	13	2024?
14	Q. And, finally, it says staff will be	14	A. Yes.
1 * "		15	Q. All right. And do you remember if on
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15 16	document and to document any refusals of		this occasion you had actually been I know she
15 16 17	document and to document any refusals of assistance. Is that correct?	17	said you know, this is from do you know who
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2	ADA compliance officer is. Correct?	2	BY MR. MORRISSEY
3	A. Yes. Sabrina.	3	Q. Mr. Williams, you mentioned you have a
4	Q. And would you be surprised to hear	4	grievance that you just filed about going up or
5	that she was the one who drafted the response to	5	down a ramp?
6	that grievance?	6	A. Yes.
7	A. You said would I be what? I'm sorry.	7	Q. Can you I don't have that. Can you
8	Q. Would you scratch that actually.	8	show it on the screen? I'll see if I can it's
9	Forget it.	9	kind of hard to see. Can you perhaps read it for
10	Do you did she ever look at your	10	us, Mr. Williams?
11	hands on this occasion?	11	A. Yes.
12	A. Not not right not exactly right	12	While being while being escorted
13	after the what's her name? Not exactly right	13	to Cermak, I received assistance up the ramp but
14	after the I had I had burns on my hand. She	14	not down the ramp. And after after my
15	probably came like two weeks later or something.	15	appointment. While being escorted back to RTU,
16	Q. So you never had any actual attention	16	Officer Officer Thompson provided minor
17	to your hands or alleged injuries by Cermak or any	17	assistance going up the ramp but not down but
18	actual medical doctors, though?	18	not assisting down the ramp. Per ADA person
19	A. No. They because, like I said,	19	Sabrina, I should be receiving help assisting
20	they they didn't document it. They looked at	20	and listing [sic] these ramps each time
21	them. They gave me	21	assisting the ramps each time. [As read.]
22	Q. Okay.	22	Q. And what date does your grievance say
23	A some ointment. But they didn't	23	this happened, Mr. Williams?
24	document.	24	A. It happened on 4/23/24 approximately
25	I got to use the washroom.	25	like 1:00 p.m. to like 2:10.
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Page 46 Page 48 1 two? 1 was escorting you? 2 A. No. It just say the bailiff. I put 2 Yeah, approximately like an hour. 3 Q. And do you know why you went to Cermak 3 the bailiff because I have -- I don't know -- I 4 that day? 4 didn't know the officer's name probably. 5 5 A. Yes. To see a podometry [sic], some-Q. Has anybody from the Sheriff's Office 6 come to speak with you regarding your allegations thing like for my feet. 6 7 in either of these two grievances you filed a Q. Oh, podiatrist? 8 A. Podiatrist, yes. Podiatrist. 8 couple days ago? 9 Q. And was that the only reason why you A. No, sir. 10 were at Cermak, just to see the podiatrist and go 10 Q. I have nothing further. I appreciate 11 back to your housing unit? 11 your time, Mr. Williams. A. Yes. 12 **RE-EXAMINATION** 12 13 BY MR. STILLMAN 13 Q. And when was that grievance collected? 14 14 Does it say when the social worker signed for it? Q. Okay. I got a -- I got a couple more. 15 A. On the 24th. 15 Mr. Williams, your -- do you Q. So you were complaining about some-16 remember how long it took on other occasions for 16 17 thing that happened on the 23rd of April, and then 17 them to respond to your grievances? 18 the following day it was collected by a social 18 A. One of them -- one of them took probably like a week. I think one of them 19 worker? 19 20 20 probably took like a week or four to five days or A. Yes. It was the same one who was --21 me being -- going to the courtroom doors and my something to reply. And I think that was the one 22 chair got stuck and almost got broken. I couldn't 22 that -- that was the one -- the one that replied 23 took that long was because the coordinator had 23 get -- I couldn't get through because the doors --24 the gates of going to the courtroom is narrow. 24 came to me with the quoted grievance in her hand Q. Okay. What court -- when were you 25 and she wanted to ask me did I show -- is this the Page 47 Page 49 going to court? 1 grievance that I wrote. 1 2 A. I went to court 4 -- 4/22/24. 2 Q. Okay. And would it sound right to you 3 Q. And what courtroom were you 3 if I told you that grievance we were just looking complaining about? 4 at about the ramp at Cermak, that they received it 5 A. Courtroom -- court -- the courtroom from you on 12/8 and then got a response to you by 6 500. 12/22? 7 7 A. Yes. That was the one --Q. Does your grievance say what -- what does your grievance say? Can you just read it to 8 8 O. And --9 A. I think that was the one I was waiting 10 A. Yes. 10 for 'cuz it was the one -- I think -- if I'm not 11 While being escorted to the 11 mistaken, it was the one that she came to show me 12 courtroom -- to court, my wheelchair got stuck in 12 herself about the grievance and telling me she's 13 the doorway of the bullpen for approximately ten going to respond. And the respond was -- the 14 minutes. During the proceedings, my chair was 14 respond was --15 almost broken and the wheel were bent barely --15 Q. So, you know, it's okay if you don't 16 barely scratched due -- due to being forced 16 -- you don't have to go and to look at the 17 through the doorway. And exiting, returning from 17 response or not. It's just about if that sounds 18 court the same -- the same assistant -- I mean, 18 right about the time it took. 19 the same happened for me, my chair being forced 19 A. Yeah. It took a little -- like, it 20 through the doorway. [As read.] 20 took a minute, I know that for a fact, because I 21 Q. Does the grievance say what time this 21 was -- I was asking why haven't it came. 22 occurred approximately? 22 Q. So, Mr. Williams, we don't need the 23 A. Yes. Approximately from 12:00, 23 commentary. Just let's get this -- we don't have 24 12 o'clock to 1:30. 24 to get this -- too much more into anything. Let's 25 Q. Does your grievance say what officer 25 kind of finish it up fast. Just a couple

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1	questions.	1	A. Yes.
2	Just it would make sense then they	2	Q. And no you have not you have not
3	have not to you that they haven't responded to	3	received a response from that grievance yet nor
4	your grievance yet that was collected yesterday by	4	have you appealed it or anything. Right?
5	them. Right?	5	A. No, I have not I have no response
6	A. No, they have not.	6	or have not a chance to read it appeal it.
7	Q. But it would make sense to you that	7	Q. All right. I have no further
8	that would seem normal and reasonable they have	8	questions.
9	not yet responded to it in one day. Correct?	9	RE-EXAMINATION
10	A. Yes. That's that's they don't	10	BY MR. MORRISSEY
11	respond, they always be like somewhat prompt, not	11	Q. For the matter that you experienced a
12	just right away. They don't respond just right	12	few days ago, I believe you mentioned it was on
13	away.	13	4/23 when you went to Cermak to the podiatrist
14	Q. Okay.	14	appointment. Did you tell any medical did your
15	A. They usually go	15	hands hurt that day from braking?
16	Q. And that that first grievance that	16	A. No. They didn't no, I didn't. I
17	you were or the first new grievance that you	17	asked them to get me no medical assistance. No,
18	were just talking with Pat about, the one about	18	I didn't.
19	that the date of conduct was 4/23 approximately	19	Q. All right. Can you when you get a
20	1:00 p.m. or 2:10 p.m., the ramp and your	20	chance, Mr. Williams, can you send me a copy of
21	podiatrist appointment	21	that grievance?
22	A. Yes.	22	A. These? Do you want the original copy?
23	Q. Do you recall ever requesting any	23	Q. Whatever you have.
24	assistance from officers there or was that another	24	A. Okay. I will send I will send both
25	case where you had difficulties but refused to	25	of the original copies to you, sir.
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$\frac{1}{2}$	ask?	$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	Q. All right. Appreciate it.
$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	A. No. I okay. So by then I'm thinking by the ADA led to all the CCDOC staff	2 3	Any questions, Zach, or are we done?
4	that they knew, so I asked him did he I'm like,	4	MR. STILLMAN: I think we're done.
5	"You got to push me." He said he said nothing	5	Hold on. All right. No, I think we're done.
6	'til he seen me struggling at midway. Then he	6	We're good. Yep.
7	started pushing me.	7	MR. MORRISSEY: All right. We'll
8	Q. And so, again there, you you made		waive signature.
9	it to your podiatrist appointment and you made it	9	I appreciate it, Mr. Williams.
10	back to your tier after. Correct?	10	We're finished here. I appreciate your time.
11	A. Yes, sir.	11	THE WITNESS: All right. Thank you,
12	Q. And you were not kept from your	12	sir.
13	podiatrist appointment in any way, your podiatry	13	MR. STILLMAN: Thank you, Mr. Williams.
14	appointment in any way, by any	14	THE WITNESS: Yes.
15	A. No, sir.	15	MR. MORRISSEY: I don't need a copy of
16	Q barrier the ramp may have posed?	16	this.
17	A. No, sir.	17	MR. STILLMAN: We are going to order a
18	Q. And you did ultimately receive	18	copy.
19	assistance from an officer one of the ways when	19	(The deposition was
20	you were struggling. Correct?	20	concluded at 12:32 p.m.)
21	A. You said did I have the ultimate	21	(Signature was waived.)
22	assistance?	22	00000
23	Q. You did you did receive assistance	23	
1 24	from an officer after you were partway up.	24	
	Correct?	25	

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